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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

"AN ACT CONCERNING CLIMATE CHANGE."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) As used in sections 1 to
4 4, inclusive, of this act:

5 (1) "Facility" means a building, structure or installation located on
6 any one or more contiguous or adjacent properties of an entity; and

7 (2) "Greenhouse gas" means any carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous
8 oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons and sulfur hexafluoride.

9 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) It shall be the goal of the

10 state to reduce emissions of greenhouse gas in order to make an
11 appropriate contribution to achieving the regional goals of reducing
12 emissions of greenhouse gas. The Commissioner of Environmental
13 Protection shall consult with the Conference of New England
14 Governors and Eastern Canadian Premiers to establish a date for the
15 long-term regional goal of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gas
16 by seventy-five to eighty-five per cent below 2001 levels.

17 (b) Not later than January 1, 2005, the Governor's Steering
18 Committee on Climate Change, established in November 2002, shall
19 develop a multisector, comprehensive climate change action plan, with
20 the opportunity for public comment, which plan shall contain the
21 policies and programs necessary to achieve the goals for the reduction
22 of greenhouse gas emissions. Not later than January 1, 2008, the
23 steering committee shall develop an amended climate change action
24 plan, with the opportunity for public comment, for achieving the
25 state's contribution towards reaching the long-term regional goal
26 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Both plans shall
27 be submitted, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes,
28 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
29 cognizance of matters relating to the environment.

30 (c) Not later than December 1, 2005, and annually thereafter, the
31 Commissioner of Environmental Protection, in collaboration with the
32 commissioners of other state agencies and the steering committee, shall
33 submit a report to the joint standing committee of the General
34 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment on
35 the progress made in achieving the goals established in subsection (a)
36 of this section and to evaluate the appropriateness of the climate
37 change action plans developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this
38 section in achieving such goals.

39 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2004*) (a) The Commissioner of
40 Environmental Protection shall work to establish a regional
41 greenhouse gas registry for greenhouse gas emissions and a regional
42 reporting system in conjunction with other states or a regional

43 consortium.

44 (b) Not later than April 15, 2006, and annually thereafter, the owner
45 or operator of any facility that is required to report air emissions data
46 to the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to Title V of
47 the federal Clean Air Act and that has stationary emissions sources
48 that emit greenhouse gases shall report to the regional registry
49 emissions of greenhouse gases from such stationary emissions sources.
50 The owner or operator shall report all greenhouse gas emissions in a
51 type and format that the regional registry can accommodate.

52 (c) The commissioner shall consider, on an annual basis, adopting
53 regulations requiring the expansion of reporting to the regional
54 greenhouse gas registry to include, but not be limited to, other
55 emissions of greenhouse gases from facilities or sectors, the status of
56 such consideration shall be included in the annual report required
57 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 2 of this act.

58 (d) Not later than July 1, 2006, the commissioner shall provide for
59 the voluntary reporting of emissions of greenhouse gas to the regional
60 greenhouse gas registry by sources of greenhouse gas emissions that
61 are not required to submit information pursuant to subsections (b) and
62 (c) of this section but which do so on a voluntary basis. The
63 greenhouse gas emissions reported shall be of a type and format that
64 the regional greenhouse gas registry can accommodate.

65 (e) If a regional greenhouse gas registry is not developed and
66 implemented by April 15, 2007, the commissioner shall evaluate the
67 feasibility of establishing and administering a state-wide greenhouse
68 gas registry for the collection of emissions data pursuant to subsections
69 (b) and (c) of this section. If a regional greenhouse gas registry is
70 developed after the commissioner establishes a state-wide greenhouse
71 gas registry, then the reporting requirements in subsections (b) and (c)
72 of this section shall revert back to the regional greenhouse gas registry
73 in accordance with said subsections (b) and (c).

74 (f) Not later than July 1, 2006, and triennially thereafter, the

75 commissioner shall publish a state greenhouse gas emissions inventory
76 that includes comprehensive estimates of the quantity of greenhouse
77 gas emissions in the state for the last three years in which data is
78 available.

79 (g) The commissioner may adopt regulations, in accordance with
80 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
81 provisions of this section.

82 Sec. 4. Section 4a-67h of the general statutes, as amended by section
83 9 of public act 03-19, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
84 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

85 (a) As used in this section, "environmentally preferable" means,
86 with regard to products, services or practices, that such products,
87 services or practices have a lesser or reduced negative effect on human
88 health and the environment when compared to competing products,
89 services or practices that serve the same function. "Environmentally
90 preferable products" includes both recycled and recyclable products.

91 (b) Within available appropriations, the Department of
92 Administrative Services shall establish procedures that promote, to the
93 greatest extent feasible, the procurement and use of recycled products
94 and environmentally preferable products, [and] services, and practices
95 by state agencies. The department shall: (1) Designate environmentally
96 preferable products, taking into consideration the raw materials
97 acquisition, production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, reuse,
98 operation, maintenance or disposal aspects of such products, and
99 establish minimum standards and specifications for their procurement
100 and use; (2) when feasible, include the use of environmentally
101 preferable products and services as a criteria in a multiple criteria bid
102 or an evaluation factor in requests for proposals; and (3) consider the
103 use of environmentally preferable business practices when reviewing
104 the overall performance of a bidder or proposer's business operation.
105 Such procedures shall not be considered regulations, as defined in
106 section 4-166.

107 (c) [Within available appropriations] Not later than January 1, 2005,
108 and annually thereafter, the department shall: (1) Develop and
109 maintain information about environmentally preferable products,
110 [and] services and practices procured through the department,
111 including, but not limited to, products, services and practices that
112 minimize global warming impact and recycled products; (2) provide
113 assistance with the implementation of the procedures developed
114 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section and provide information to
115 agencies about the use of environmentally preferable products and
116 services; and (3) monitor the use of environmentally preferable
117 products, [and] services and practices and recycled products by state
118 agencies. Such information compiled pursuant to subsection (c) of this
119 section and this subsection shall designate those products, services or
120 practices that cost the same or less than other similar products, services
121 or practices."

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2004</i>